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25X1 1. Between 20 and 29 November 1953 the cantonment at 34 to 36 Regatta Strasse, at the intersection of Bohnsdorfer Strasse and Regatta Strasse in Gruenau (4141 ?), which consisted of six single-story buildings, each with 12 windows, 2 garages, 2 large kitchens and messhalls fronting the street and a small athletic field and several small annex buildings was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. No training activity was noticed. Although all rooms of the six buildings were crowded by soldiers, it seemed that the rooms were used as classrooms rather than quarters and that the troops were presumably quartered at 83 Regatta Strasse. Soldiers were seen walking from the cantonment to house No 83 on Regatta Strasse and vice versa. Unusually many high-ranking officers with crimson service color were noticed.

25X1 2. The quarters at 83 Regatta Strasse in the restricted area on either side of Badersee and Koenigssee Strasse were secured to view from the street by a wooden board fence. On 20 and 29 November, the quarters were occupied by an estimated 350 to 400 troops. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. At about 9 a.m., groups of 12 to 18 unarmed soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left the quarters daily, walking to offices in building No 34.

25X1 3. The motor pool at 55 Regatta Strasse includes 3 garages with a total of about 90 bays, about 32 of which were occupied. Sentries observed wore black-bordered crimson epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

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